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## HONORING MARCA BRISTO

(Ms. SHALALA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHALALA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a friend, Marca Bristo, the brilliant advocate for people with disabilities. She passed away recently at the age of 66.

In 1977, she became paralyzed from the chest down after a diving accident at the age of 23. As she adjusted to life in a wheelchair, she struggled to navigate in an often deeply inaccessible world.

Before long, she founded what is now Access Living, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization focusing on service and advocacy for people with disabilities. She served as CEO until shortly before her death.

Marca helped write the Americans with Disabilities Act, landmark legislation that extended the Civil Rights Act to people with disabilities. The bill was signed into law in 1990.

Four years later, President Clinton appointed her to serve as Chair of the National Council on Disability, where she continued working to increase accessibility and to fight disability discrimination.

Her work revolutionized disability rights. She melded an unparalleled sense of legislative strategy with deep compassion for people with disabilities.

We will remember her with pride as we continue to work to expand disability rights.

## AMERICA MUST LEAD ON CLIMATE CHANGE

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, this week, the United Nations is hosting its Climate Action Summit. Robust funding and sound policies are needed to ensure we effectively combat climate change.

Threatened by increasingly more frequent and extreme changes in our climate, territories like the U.S. Virgin Islands stand at the front line of this quickly escalating climate crisis.

Within the past decade, my district has reduced fossil fuel use by 20 percent and has become a regional leader in clean energy. States and territories have also passed regional and State-specific legislation to combat climate change, but we need a comprehensive, forward-looking national plan to address this threat to our children and our children's children.

While we don't yet have all the tools to address rapid climate change, we must create them through increased Federal investment in research, development, and deployment of emerging technologies.

Across the Nation, climate change is threatening our economy and our lives.

Hurricanes like Irma and Maria collectively cost \$140 billion, according to NOAA, and, most importantly, they cost thousands of lives.

America must lead the charge to preserve our planet.

## END HIDDEN TRAVEL FEES

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this summer, we witnessed a record number of Americans take the opportunity to travel. Unfortunately, this also meant a record number of travelers were subjected to hidden fees charged by hotels, motels, and other places of accommodation.

It is projected that, in 2019 alone, over \$3 billion in revenue will be collected from consumers due to these deceptive hidden fees.

That is why I, along with my colleague Mr. FORTENBERRY from Nebraska, have introduced H.R. 4489, the Hotel Advertising Transparency Act. This bill would require the prices regularly advertised by hotels and online travel agencies to include all mandatory fees that will be charged to a consumer, excluding taxes.

Mr. Speaker, consumers deserve full transparency when making their travel plans. They should be able to enjoy their vacations without being ripped off and financially burdened with almost twice as much as the room that had been advertised.

## RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
September 26, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, I write to respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

## RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Education and Labor:

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## RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 25, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write to first thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology for the last several months. I am pleased to have represented the people of Puerto Rico and their interests on the advancement of science and research in this capacity. However, I understood this assignment was temporary in nature. Hence, I respectfully and sadly offer my resignation as a member of this Committee. It has been an honor to serve in this role and I remain available pending any future vacancies. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues in the Committee in other endeavors.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER GONZÁLEZ-CÓLON,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

## PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 54, TERMINATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 591 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 591

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 54) relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and (2) one motion to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman